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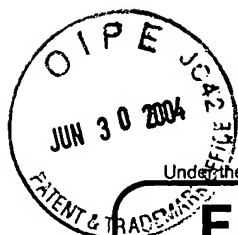
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|   | First Named Inventor | John Rubis et al.      |           |
|   | Art Unit             | 2863                   |           |
|   | Examiner Name        | Stephen J. Cherry      |           |
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| Independent Claims | 32 | -20** =      | 12 | X              | 18 | = 216    |
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| 1202         | 18       | 2202         | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 1201         | 86       | 2201         | 43       | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 1203         | 290      | 2203         | 145      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 1204         | 86       | 2204         | 43       | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 1205         | 18       | 2205         | 9        | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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| 1051     | 130      | 2051     | 65       | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |
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| 1053     | 130      | 1053     | 130      | Non-English specification  |
| 1812     | 2,520    | 1812     | 2,520    | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination                            |
| 1804     | 920*     | 1804     | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |
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| 1251     | 110      | 2251     | 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |
| 1252     | 420      | 2252     | 210      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |
| 1253     | 950      | 2253     | 475      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |
| 1254     | 1,480    | 2254     | 740      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |
| 1255     | 2,010    | 2255     | 1,005    | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |
| 1401     | 330      | 2401     | 165      | Notice of Appeal   |
| 1402     | 330      | 2402     | 165      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |
| 1403     | 290      | 2403     | 145      | Request for oral hearing   |
| 1451     | 1,510    | 1451     | 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |
| 1452     | 110      | 2452     | 55       | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |
| 1453     | 1,330    | 2453     | 665      | Petition to revive - unintentional   |
| 1501     | 1,330    | 2501     | 665      | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |
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